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No. 31/12/2024/ARM/General Elections to Lok
Sabha 2024/M.O. 848

Sub.:— Ban on carrying of licensed arms during
General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 in South
Goa District.

U/S 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

Whereas, the Election Commission of India has announced on 16-03-2024 the schedule for General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024 which is scheduled to be held in Goa on 07-05-2024 and the Election Code of Conduct has come into force on announcement of the said schedule. Therefore as directed by the Election Commission of India, the District Administration is required to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024;

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1A) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and impose a ban for carrying of all type of arms, firearms and other lethal weapons to ensure free and fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or

injury to any person lawfully employed or cause danger to human life or safety or disturbance of public tranquility or riot of any affray during the entire election process;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time to all the licensed arms holders for General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024;

Now therefore, I, Asvin Chandru A., IAS, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P. C. 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all type of arms, firearms, ammunition, lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, through fare, public meeting, by lanes or in any open place in the entire jurisdiction of South Goa District with immediate effect until further orders.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to public servants, police, defense personnel and security personnel on duty/sports persons who are members of National Rifle Association of India responsible persons of banks and its retainers or who has been specially exempted by a specific order by the competent authority.

Violation of this order is punishable under Section 188 of I.P.C and cognizance of violation can be taken by any Government Official including Police Officers and Executive Magistrates.

Given under my hand and seal of this Office on this 16th day of March, 2024.

Margao.— The District Magistrate & DEO (South), *Asvin Chandru A.*, IAS.

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